Bridge at Chavara.

70. * **Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state how long it is since the bridge at Chavara on the Quilon-Alleppey line was declared unfit for heavy vehicle traffic?

Mr. M. S. Doraswamy Aiyangar: Since 3-7-1936.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: From the date given it is clear that it is more than three years since the bridge was declared unsafe for heavy traffic. May I know when the Government will be pleased to repair the bridge?

Mr. M S. Doraswami Aiyangar: The amount for investigation of the bridge will be included in the budget for the next year and the investigation will be done in that year.

Grievances of the ryots of Onattukara.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received certain resolutions passed in a meeting of the ryots of Onattukara held under the auspices of the "Onattukara Karshaka Mahajana Sabha" early in Meenom 1115; and

(*b*) if they have, will they be pleased to state what steps they have taken in respect of:-

(i) remission or reduction of land tax on wet lands, the crop of which was a failure owing to rice-swarming caterpillar pest and unprecedented drought;

(ii) abolishing various commutation rates on the rent of the Kandukrishi lands;

(iii) abolishing the prohibitive tax as a penalty for conversion;

(iv) the deepening of canals and channels; and

(v) reduction of tax on cocoanut gardens on account of the severe and long drought?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) i to v. The matters are under enquiry.

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